

Red Lake Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Response Program

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Field Site Investigation Form

Property owner/resident: Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians / Solid Waste Transfer Station
Address: Site is located at the Red Lake Solid Waste Transfer Station off Hwy 89 on the East side, follow signs on Hwy 89.

Nature of Investigation: Tip from community member
Received From: Bruce (no surname provided) / completed online survey
Date/Time: 3/1/2011
GPS Coordinates: N 47 51.170 W 095 02.338
Township/Section/Range: TWP 151, SEC 32, RNG 34
County: Beltrami

Staff Assigned: John LeBlanc
Person Conducting Site Visit: Timothy Neadeau / John LeBlanc
Date of Site Visit: 3/2/2011
Photos Taken (Y/N): Yes
Number of photos: 23
Site use: The area is part of the Red Lake Solid Waste transfer Station property

Neighboring Property types: Residential / woodlands

Distance to Nearest Waterway: 0.35 miles west
Type of Waterway: Lake
1 acre
(hazardous waste area only)

Amount/Area of Impact:
Suspected nature of contamination Household Hazardous Wastes

Are there any known institutional controls in place?
(If so, provide description): None

Date of Reinspection:

Comments: The Red Lake Solid Waste Program upgraded the entire Transfer Station Facility. Hazardous Wastes are now stored in a trailer outside the office until proper disposal is accomplished. The RL DNR Environmental Staff will assist the Solid Waste Department as needed. A request by RLERP to use EPA grant funds to conduct sampling where the materials were previously stored was approved by the USEPA and a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) was conducted. A sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) is under development for a Phase II ESA to be conducted in the spring of 2020.

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Field Site Investigation Form

Property owner/resident: Reginald Graves / Preston's T&T
Address: Site is on north side of Hwy 1 East in Redby, travel east past RL Fisheries and cross small bridge over Mud River, first driveway on left, follow all the way back to the house
Nature of Investigation: Underground Storage Tank out of service for several years
Received From: US EPA Inspector
Date/Time: 3/2/2011
GPS Coordinates: N 47 52.927 W 94 54.307
Township/Section/Range: TWP 151, SEC 32, RNG 33
County: Beltrami

Staff Assigned: Timothy Neadeau / John LeBlanc
Person Conducting Site Visit: Timothy Neadeau / John LeBlanc
Date of Site Visit: 3/2/2011
Photos Taken (Y/N): None
Number of photos: 0
Site use: Site was formerly a convenience store with a fuel dispenser which has been closed for several years.
Neighboring Property types: Residential, Commercial Fishery and spawning stream, woodlands
Distance to Nearest Waterway: 60 feet
Type of Waterway: Spawning Stream
Amount/Area of Impact: 1 acre +
Suspected nature of contamination: Petroleum Products

Are there any known institutional controls in place?
(If so, provide description): None

Date of Reinspection: 10/27/2011

Comments: Red Lake Environmental Staff attempted to provide UST Compliance Assistance the owner to address compliance issues to protect the surface and groundwater resources but the owner was unwilling to work to correct compliance deficiencies. The US EPA is the regulatory agency on all Native American Trust Lands. The US EPA determined that due to the facility being out of compliance for so long, there was significant risk of contamination and the US EPA conducted an Environmental Site Assessment in 2014 which included the removal of tanks and piping. Additional sampling was conducted in 2015. Testing indicated significant contamination. The US EPA continues to fund monitoring activities.

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Field Site Investigation Form

Property owner/resident: Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians
Address: Hwy 89 behind Transfer Station

Nature of Investigation: Furniture and tire dumping
Received From: RLEP Staff
Date/Time: 8/22/13 / 2:00 pm
GPS Coordinates: 47 51'08.56"N 95 02'13.08"W
Township/Section/Range: T151 S32 R34
County: Beltrami

Staff Assigned: John LeBlanc / Willow LeBlanc
Person Conducting Site Visit: John LeBlanc / Willow LeBlanc
Date of Site Visit: 9/3/2013
Photos Taken (Y/N): Yes
Number of photos: 16
Site use: Dump for items not accepted at landfill used by RL Solid Waste Program

Neighboring Property types: Residential / Woodlands
Distance to Nearest Waterway: 750 feet
Type of Waterway: Streams & Lake
Amount/Area of Impact: 7 acres
Suspected nature of contamination e-waste, furniture, tires, solid wastes, roofing shingles

Are there any known institutional controls in place?
(If so, provide description): None

Date of Reinspection:

Comments: This area was historically used to dump/store items which are large and very costly to transport to the landfill. RLSWP did not have the budget for the additional transportation costs it would require to transport these items. The RLSWP has been working toward cleaning up the area and has eliminated approximately 50 % of the pile. They will continue to work on the problem area until fully cleaned up and will transport these types of wastes as they are received to prevent future pile ups.